



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866



St. John Bosco, Sardis  
dedicated 1976



St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

## *The Monroe County Catholic Churches*

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### **January 21, 2018**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. (Mark 1:17–18)

This painting of Jonah in the Sistine Chapel is directly above *The Last Judgment*. Michelangelo chooses to depict Jonah for his theological connection to Jesus, who said, “Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (Matthew 18:40).

Unlike Jesus, Jonah initially balks at God’s call until he grudgingly accepts and preaches to the city of Nineveh. In his rebellion, he gets in a boat and goes the opposite direction from where God was calling. Eventually he was thrown overboard and swallowed by the fish, seen painted at his side. After a three-night stomachache, the fish spewed Jonah up on the shore, back where he had started.

Jonah looks up to heaven with a weary longing, which might denote his melancholy personality. The fig tree further reinforces his weakness because it recalls the episode when Jonah lay under the fig tree in depression and lethargy.

Like Peter and Andrew, James and John, God entered Jonah’s life and called him. Unlike the apostles, it took him a while to say yes. We can also be slow to respond to the invitation of God in our soul, whether in big or small things. Perhaps the attraction of the world or fear of sacrifice keeps us from saying yes. Yet his voice is constant and persistent.

Michelangelo paints Jonah dangling above *The Last Judgment* as if to subtly say, you are cordially invited to say yes to God’s patient callings...while you still have time.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday** January 20<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00pm  
+Marie & James Kirkland by their daughters

**Sunday** January 21<sup>st</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Kenneth Burkhart by Catherine Paulus

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsbur 10:30am  
+ Gene Krone by David & Mattie

**St. John Bosco**, Sardis 12:30pm  
+Vincent Dalessio by Allan Spencer family

**Monday** January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Wayne Forshey by Sam & Jill Schumacher

**Tuesday** January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
+ Kenny Burkhart by Clarence & Eileen

**Wednesday** January 24<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
Deceased of the Baker, Bolob & Miller family by Mary Bolon

**Thursday** January 25<sup>th</sup>  
**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00am  
+ Dorothy Davidson by John Paulus Family

**Friday** January 26<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30am  
+ Floyd Griffith by Chris & Joe Hoff

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday** January 27<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 pm  
+Robert Smith by Catherine Paulus

**Sunday** January 28<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 am  
+Wayne Forshey by K of C 5009

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 am  
+ Schwartz Family by Ted & Judy

**St. John Bosco Mission**, Sardis 12:30 pm  
+ Helen Stack

**Winter is upon us** and again we may face weather challenges. We will again follow our school ... **when school is cancelled, Mass that day will also be cancelled.** If our school is on a two hour delay, morning Mass will be at the scheduled time. The weekend schedules will be followed if at all possible. Please use caution!

**St. John the Baptist parish** is looking for prizes for the Spring Raffle ad Dance which is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>. At St. John the Baptist Social Hall.

**For Reflection:** *Do I understand that putting off the voice of God is also putting off all the good, joy, and peace he wants to bring about by what he is asking?*

**A Word From Pope Francis:** *For every Christian, the proclamation and witnessing of the Gospel is never an isolated act. This is important....No evangelizer acts, as Paul VI recalled, "in virtue of a...personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name."* —Address to International Union of Superiors General, May 8, 2013

**NFP** — A natural family planning class will be offered by NFP International on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Church in Steubenville. For more Information or to register please call Steve and Ann Craig at (740) 457-9663. An online course is available at the [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org)

**Catholic Men's Day of Renewal**, Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Stephen in Caldwell, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Theme: "Being A Cloud of Witnesses", with Mr Mike Aquilina as the speaker. Registration due by February 20<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are in the back of Church.

*Celebrate the gift of love GOD has given you in one another* and learn how to increase the level of trust and intimacy in a CHRIST centered marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is February 16-18 at the Days Inn and Suites in Richfield, Ohio. Applications and further info are available on line: [GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://GreatMarriagesOhio.org) or call 330-305-9963.

**At it again!** Fr. Heinz presents a *Pilgrimage to Illinois and Wisconsin*, September 17-20, 2018. Sites to be visited are Shrine of Maximilian Kolbe, Holocaust Exhibit & Shrine, Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help (the only church approved Marian Apparition Site in the United States) and St. Theresa Shrine. Cost \$520/person (double room) or \$610/ person (single room). To register send \$200.00 with registration form as soon as possible. For registration forms contact parish office.

### This Week

#### Sunday

**St. Sylvester Central Bingo**  
at Brown Community Center  
Doors open at 5:00pm  
Bingo begins at 6:30pm

#### Tuesday

6:00pm Boy Scouts

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Your Sacrificial Offering  
for  
January 13/14, 2017

#### St. John Bosco Mission

Adult Collection	\$ 55.00
Loose Collection	\$ 27.00
Solm of Mary	\$ 25.00

#### St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1056.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
School Collection	\$ 108.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00

#### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1338.00
Loose Collection	\$ 112.50
School Collection	\$ 257.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 100.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

**In Loving Memory of:**

*Emma Schumacher*  
*Sr. Joanna Burkhart*  
*Sr. Evelyn Ann Schumacher*  
*Msgr. Joseph G Mehler*  
*Fr. Joseph Finan*  
Walter & Alma Heinz  
Imelda D Scott  
Monica Long  
Danny Betts  
Vernon Butler  
Brandon Butler  
Michael & Bertha Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Katy & Paul Madison  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary & Hilda Paulus  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William H Bolon  
Hilda & Herman Burkhart  
Robert M Miller Sr.

**Diocesan Vocation Director**

Fr. Michael Gossett:  
mgossett@diosteub.org

**Retrouvaille** (help for troubled marriages),  
740-749-3335

**Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting:**

Msgr. Kurt Kemo V.G.,  
1-740-282-3631

**Diocese of Steubenville Office of Family and Social Concerns & Referral** (i.e. Catholic

Charities),  
1-800-339-7890.

**Monroe County Suicide prevention hotline**  
1-800-354-4357

**Parish Membership:** *New Parishioners* are always welcome. Please contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to register.

**Infant Baptism:** contact the parish office (740-472-0187) to schedule.

**Weddings:** No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest to fill out proper paperwork. A **pre-Cana program is required** as mandated by Diocesan Policy.

**Confessions:** **St. Sylvester:** Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm & Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am

**St. John the Baptist:** Sunday 10:00am to 10:25am

**St. John Bosco:** Sunday 12:10pm to 12:25pm

or upon request.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA):** RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the parish office at 740-472-0187.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm:** If you or someone you love wishes to receive the Eucharist or have a priest visit, call 740-472-0187. Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** to add or remove a name from the prayer network please call: Jackie Kirkland 740-472-0338

**Purgatorial Society:** An organization founded in the 1890's, to pray for each other and the repose of the Souls in Purgatory. Contact Fr. David 740-472-0187

**St. Sylvester's Cub Scout Pack 17,** Woodsfield, meet the first and third Tuesday at 5:00pm September through May. Pack Leader is Melissa Smithberger (740) 213-4037. (orvc-bsa.org)

**Catholic Woman's Club:** CWC is an organization of all the Catholic women in a parish and is devoted to fostering spiritual, social and moral values within its members and their parish.

**St. Sylvester:** Mrs. Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391

**St. John the Baptist:** Mrs. Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481 and/or

Mrs. Eileen Miller 740-472-0279

**Catholic Cemetery Contacts:**

**St. Sylvester,** Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach 740-472-1849

**St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & Immaculate Conception,** Ozark:

Jason Weiss or St. Sylvester Parish Office 740-472-0187

**St. Joseph, & Chapel Hill,** Burkhart Station: Russell Betts 740-567-3286

**St. Patrick's,** New Matamoras: Parish office: 740-472-0187

**Parish School of Religion (PSR):** [aka. CCD] The Parish Religion Classes for children (not enrolled in a Catholic School) in grades 1 through 8.

**St. Sylvester:** Jill Schumacher 740-472-5483

**St. John the Baptist:** Eileen Ackerman 740-757-2481

**Call to register your children.**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**St. Sylvester Central Elementary:** (PK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Robyn Guiler, principal. 740-472-0321

**St. John Central High School,** 3625 Guernsey Street, Bellaire, Ohio. 740-676-4932

Mr. Jarrett T. Kuhns [www.stjohncentralhs.org](http://www.stjohncentralhs.org)



**St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus** will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at Sylvester Church, Woodsfield.

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**

January 21  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jon 3:1-5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20

**Monday**

January 22  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  
Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday**

January 23  
*Weekday*  
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday**

January 24  
*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
2 Sm 7:4-17  
Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday**

January 25  
*Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*  
Acts 22:3-16  
Mk 16:15-18

**Friday**

January 26  
*Sts. Timothy and Titus,*  
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5  
Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday**

January 27  
*Weekday*  
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  
Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday**

January 28  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Dt 18:15-20  
1 Cor 7:32-35  
Mk 1:21-28

*True Wealth is measured not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take*

## Tuesday Bingo

January 23  
Monica Habig  
Church Dye/Heather Smith  
Joella Urbanek  
Pam /Jon Knowlton  
Randy/ Michelle Christmas  
Richard Schenk

January 30  
Monica Habig  
Kiven/ Melissa Smithberger  
Andrea Hall  
Nicole Eastham  
Jay/Tammy Perkins  
Amanda Schumacher  
Stephen/Cyndee Habig

February 6  
Monica Habig  
John/Jessics Ischy  
Ken Stewart  
Schelley/Kendra Young  
Richard Schenk

February 13  
Monica Habig  
Brooke Yontz  
Mary McLaughlin  
David/Teresa McMillan  
Jeff/ Misty Yontz  
James/Deseiree Peters  
Sam Schumacher

## Sunday Bingo

January 21  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randall Sefert  
April Parden  
Dani Wheeler  
Chad/Marissa Cole  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson

January 28  
Amanda Schumacher  
Randall Sefert  
April Parden  
Dani Wheeler  
Chad/Marissa Cole  
Jonathan/Nicole Wilson

February 4  
Amanda Schumacher  
Sam Schumacher  
Heather Robbins  
Audrey Lydick  
Lisa/Jeff Marley  
Jess knowlton

February 11  
Monica Habig  
Richard Schenk  
Dugan/Cassie Demchak  
Matt/Nicole McGuire  
Kim Palmer  
Justin/Abby Friday

## Bingo Kitchen

January 21  
Debbie Archer  
Kay Brooks

January 23  
Joan Kirkland  
Missy Knowlton

January 28  
Edie Schumacher  
Jayne Vinskovich

January 30  
Barb Burkhart  
Beth Roberts

## St. Sylvester Central School News

**St. Sylvester Central Script Program** is an excellent way to support Catholic Education and St. Sylvester Central without costing you money out of your pocket. Gift cards are available for many stores and restaurants in several dominations. Contact the school office. (Money is required at the placing of the order.)

**Ski Trip** for 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The ski trip is Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will **visit MACO** on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There will be no afternoon bussing on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents with students riding the bus need to make arrangements accordingly.

**Boy Scout Troop 17** has been started at St. Sylvester. Boys 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to join. The meetings are Tuesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm in St. Sylvester Church basement. Check out what the Boys Scouts has to offer.

**Cub Scouts Pack 17:** First Pinewood Derby car race is February 10<sup>th</sup> at New Martinsville Elementary.

## Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tight-up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect." Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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